

# Miriam fails in bid for seat in int'l court

By Kristine L. Alano, TJ Berganio and GC Cabacungan Jr.

THE PHILIPPINES LOST ITS BID FOR A seat in the International Court of Justice after Sen. Miriam Defensor Santiago failed to capture the needed votes despite a year-long, hard-fought campaign.

Santiago was edged out by the vote-trader from Somalia in the final phase of the voting, said Hilario Davide Jr., the Philippine's permanent ambassador to the United Nations.

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**Melo "wires" office to deter shenanigans**

By Kristine L. Alano

SMILE, YOU'RE IN THE COMEX's not-so-funny office video.

Only those with good intentions should enter the office of Comex's on-Daños (Comex).



MIDLAND

# DOE seeks P191 LPG cut



**SUPPLIERS slashed the price of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) by P44 a cylinder early this week, but the government wants more.**

## Oil firms slash gasoline, kerosene prices

By Abigail L. Hu

THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY WANTS A MORE substantial reduction in the price of liquefied petroleum gas—a one-time cut by another P191 a cylinder, on top of the P44 a cylinder undertaken earlier this week.

Also, oil firms have started to slash gasoline prices by P1 to P2 a liter, and kerosene prices by P1 a liter, yesterday and today.

In a meeting with LPG industry stakeholders yesterday, En-

ergy Secretary Angelo Reyes almost lost his temper when he told suppliers that the drop in the international contract price of LPG from \$800 per metric ton (MT) in October to only

\$490 per MT this month should result in an equivalent setback of P335 per 15.46kg cylinder.

Earlier this week, cooking gas suppliers slashed the price of liquefied petroleum gas by P44 a cylinder. But Reyes said that LPG suppliers owed it to consumers to roll back prices by another P191 a cylinder.

"We expect LPG prices to reflect the drop in the contract price by 75 percent this month. I want the rollback done soon. I don't want to touch the limit of

my patience," Reyes said, while trying hard to maintain his composure while screaming his point.

At 10 p.m. yesterday, Shell Philippines Inc. was the first to cut prices by P2 a liter for gasoline, and P1 a liter for kerosene.

Petron Corp., Philippine Shell Petroleum Corp., Chevron Philippines Inc. and Flying J all reduced gasoline and kerosene prices by P1 a liter at 12:01 a.m. today.

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DOE NEWS

### MURDER MOST FOUL

## Missing Aussie found buried in front yard

By Dennis Santos

Inquirer Mindanao

DAVO CITY—MURDERER HIDE OUT this to happen.

That was the only statement that Governor Dennis gave reporters when the news about the death of his friend, Philip Andrew Adams.

Reyes, 35, was arrested last Wednesday for murdering Adams, 40, and burying his body in the front garden of their rented house in Guadalupe Village here.

She confessed to completing with the man to beat Adams' re-

death with metal pipes, police authorities said.

Police excavated the body from a shallow grave in the couple's home last Wednesday.

All the suspects were arrested, save one, who remains at large.

Senior Supt. Francisco Villanueva, chief of the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (CIDG) for Southern Mindanao, said Adams was possibly assassinated on Oct. 20, the day he failed to board his flight for Manila. He was to have taken another flight to Davao, the United Arab Emirates, where he



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JUSTICE MARTINEZ

## FULL GMA COURT? 7 justices to retire next year

By Herman Ilardora

CONSTITUTIONALIST

RE Josefa Reyes and civil society groups pondering called for increased citizens' participation in and closer scrutiny of the choice of nominees to the 15-seat Supreme Court that will have seven vacancies in 2008, a year before President Macapagal-Arroyo's term ends.

When Mr. Arroyo fills up the seven vacancies, the would-be appointed all but one of the high court justices in a year when cases are expected to be filed in relation to the possible amendment of the Constitution and the potential extension of terms of incumbent elected officials.

"[The justices] are the only ones who will decide in the future, but not at an open forum when asked about the scrutiny of the high court during 14 justices appointed by the incumbent and deciding on issues such as whether the Senate and the House of Representatives should

vote separately or jointly in a constitutional assembly for Charter changes.

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1 JUSTICE AT

## Police, resort owners dispute Aussie's claims

By Nestor E. Burgos Jr.

Inquirer Manila

WORLD CITY—POLICE AND a group of resort owners yesterday related claims of an Australian resort operator on Boracay Island that he was being held against his will inside his property.

Chief Supt. Isagani Garcia, Western Visayas police director, said Greg Henderson and his family leave five to seven and leave Binaway Sandbar in

west now Boracay 2 to Boracay following.

"He is not a hostage; he is not being held against his will," Garcia told the Inquirer in a telephone interview.

In a news report, Henderson claimed that "Rage" filed by the owner of the lot, Eddie Merca, and Henderson's former sub-tenants, Evangelina Dellos, recently occupied the lot. Henderson rights because of an ownership dispute.

PHILADELPHIA

## Kin of kidnap victims seek President's help

By Jolye Alipala

Inquirer Mindanao

ZAMBOANGA CITY—IT WAS A collective cry of grief directed at President Macapagal-Arroyo.

Parents, siblings and other kin of kidnap victims Merle

"Belle" Mendoza, Precious Felimon and Joel Anthony Piliang who died years ago, as a peace conference as they talked about their pain, anxiety and feelings of helplessness over the plight of their loved ones.

Among the expressed impa-

of the grieving families was that the government would never to secure the freedom of their loved ones, and that the state of kidnappings would be ended.

The families issued a manifesto, which demanded a letter to the President, in an effort to

make their voices heard.

"We would like to bring to your attention the sharp increase of kidnapping cases, particularly in Western Mindanao and the island provinces of Basilan, Sulu, and Tawi-tawi."

KIN OF KIDNAP AT

## Obama speaks with 9 world leaders



**US PRESIDENT-ELECT Obama speaks on the phone in a Chicago office on Thursday, returning calls to nine world leaders.**

CHICAGO—PRESIDENT-ELECT Barack Obama accepted congratulations from nine presidents and prime ministers Thursday morning after his presidential victory.

The global broadcast calls, the Obama administration's change and the North Korea

and Iranian nuclear issues dominated the talks, according to accounts from the various capitals.

Obama spoke to Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd, Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper, French President Nicolas Sarkozy, German Chancellor Angela Merkel, Israeli Prime Minis-

ter Ehud Olmert, Japanese Prime Minister Taro Aso, Mexican President Felipe Calderon, South Korea President Lee Myung-bak, and British Prime Minister Gordon Brown, according to Obama spokeswoman Catherine

Spicer.

Obama's first international call was to Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono.

But the call was not the return of Peace Corps volunteers in Indonesia, according to security sources.

Obama and Clinton's call to Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono was the first of his kind in Indonesia.

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## Fil-Am wins Ohio seat in US Congress



By Narda U. Bando

Correspondent

LOS ANGELES—THE SON OF A FILIPINO doctor who fought alongside US forces in the Philippines during World War II has won the seat for Ohio's 7th congressional district.

Steve Austria, a state senator from Buckeye, became the second American of Filipino descent to serve in the US Congress, after Robert Consoer, who is currently serving his eighth term in Virginia's 3rd district.

Austria, a Republican, won Democratic candidate Sharron Woodard in the Nov. 4 US elections, capturing 58 percent of the vote against 41 percent for Woodard.

Austria was born in Cincinnati and

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# Lawmaker seeks extension of Manila Water franchise

By Marlon Razon

A QUEZON PROVINCE congressman wants to extend the franchise of Manila Water Co., Inc. for another 30 years to allow the Aqueduct and Sewerage Authority (ASA) to recover its P40-billion investment in Manila's water supply system.

The congressman, who is also a member of the House of Representatives, said that Manila Water's current franchise expires in 2000.

Such a measure, he argued, would extend the Manila Water Co.'s franchise to 2030, allowing the company to recover its investment in the Manila Water supply system. He said that Manila Water's current franchise expires in 2000, and that the company is currently in the process of negotiating a new franchise with the ASA.

He said he would also like to see the ASA's franchise extended to 2030, which Manila Water and the Legislature would have to approve. He said that Manila Water's current franchise expires in 2000, and that the company is currently in the process of negotiating a new franchise with the ASA.

Although the new system would lead to a higher monthly water bill for consumers, it would ensure cleaner water and ensure supply of water for Metro Manila residents, he added. The system would also prevent irresponsible operators

of water supply (sewerage) from dumping its wastewater in rivers and other waterways.

He said that the bill is the result of the people's desire for clean water, and that it is a necessary measure to ensure the health of the people.

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**EARTH-FRIENDLY PRODUCTS FOR BEAUTIES**  
Philippine City-based Beauty Products Inc. has introduced a new line of earth-friendly beauty products. The products are made from natural ingredients and are free of harmful chemicals. The products are available in various sizes and prices.

## Manila closes private market in Divisoria

By Tito G. Santos

THE MANILA GOVERNMENT has ordered the closure of the private market in Divisoria for alleged violations of city regulations.

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## METRO BRIEFS

**MMDA launches 'Big Brother' technology**  
A new 110-camera and surveillance system called "Big Brother" will be installed in the Metro Manila Expressway (MMDA) system as part of a program to improve traffic management. The system will allow the MMDA to monitor traffic flow and identify areas of congestion. The system will also allow the MMDA to identify areas of congestion and to take action to improve traffic flow.

**Like a tree, be beautiful**  
A new campaign to promote the use of trees in urban areas has been launched by the Manila City Hall. The campaign is called "Like a tree, be beautiful" and is aimed at encouraging people to plant trees in their yards and along the streets.

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**Cops tracing Miriam prank call**  
Manila Police officers are tracing a woman who made a prank call to the Manila Police Department. The woman, who is known as Miriam, called the police and said that she had a gun and was threatening to kill someone. The police officers are trying to locate her and to determine if there is any threat to public safety.

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**Where is Oscar Marozin?**  
A man named Oscar Marozin is missing from Manila. He is a 30-year-old man who is known to his family and friends. He was last seen in Manila on November 5, 1998. His family is worried about his whereabouts and is asking for help in finding him.

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**Comparing the Arroyo and Marcos regimes**  
A new book titled "Comparing the Arroyo and Marcos regimes" has been published. The book compares the two regimes and discusses the similarities and differences between them. The book is written by a group of experts and is aimed at providing a comprehensive overview of the two regimes.

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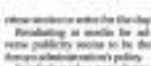
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## 'Water lily' products made in Taguig City

By Mike Razon

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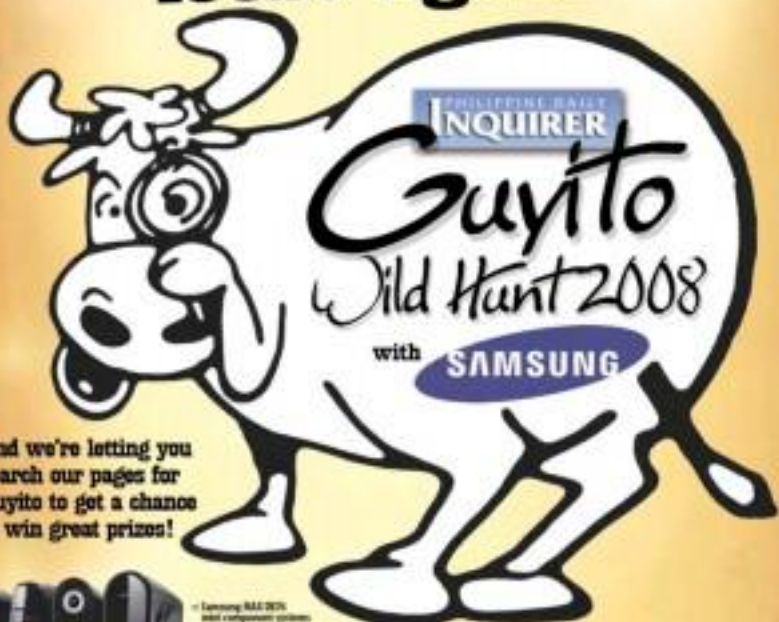
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# PSC bats for quality, not quantity, in Laos SEAG

By Marc Anthony Reyes

THE FILIPPINE SPORTS COMMISSION (PSC) will be putting for a "small but quality" team to represent the Philippines in the Laos Southeast Asian Games next year.

While the SEA Games is the second international multi-sport competition for the nation, PSC chief William "Bock" Ramos noted recently that the "Southeast Asian Games" is to be used for the expansion of the athletes.

He said he has seen many athletes in the agency willing to support and that the delegation should be composed not only of those with strong chances to win gold medals.

The country sent 600 athletes two years ago in Thailand and they went home with 140 gold, 110 silver and 90 bronze medals to finish a

third-place place overall.

In contrast, the Philippines pulled off a 112-95-34 gold-silver-bronze balance when it finished second overall in the 2006.

Building itself as a sports superpower, athletic, boxing, fencing, judo, karate, taekwondo, karate, judo, and wrestling will be considered "priority" sports by the agency in Laos.

The PSC also stated that more than 100 athletes will be sent to Laos because the country wants to hold just 20 sports. These more will come in the next two SEA Games.

**ADVENTURE KICKS** Competing teams gather at the Tagbilaran Airport in Butal for the first leg of the Carabao Cup basketball tournament. The teams will compete in a round-robin format. The teams will compete in a round-robin format. The teams will compete in a round-robin format.

# Giants' last-gasp plays trip TNT

By Remy C. Canillo

## UNBELIEVABLE

There were some fireworks inside Remy Canillo's head when he saw the Giants' last-gasp plays trip TNT. The team's last-gasp plays trip TNT. The team's last-gasp plays trip TNT.

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**Balabas led in Singapore**  
Balabas scored 30 points in the first leg of the Carabao Cup basketball tournament. The team's last-gasp plays trip TNT.

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# Chiz urges GMA to help sports agency get its funds

By Carlo R. Tapas

SEN. JOSE ALFREDO "CHIZ" LACUNA, chair of the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC), urged GMA to help the agency get its funds.

The PSC is a government agency that oversees the Philippine national sports teams. The agency is currently facing financial difficulties.

## SPORTSWATCH

### Subic Watercraft fires off

TOP GUN 2008 RETURNING PHILIPPINE ACTION sports today will feature Subic Watercraft. The team's last-gasp plays trip TNT.

### PCSO college volleyball unfolds

A THREE-COLORS FIRST ANNUAL college volleyball tournament will be held in the Philippines. The team's last-gasp plays trip TNT.

### 90 lifts in 'Ranibulan' today

Eighty-eight lifts will be held in the Philippines. The team's last-gasp plays trip TNT.

# Why did WBC's Jose Sulaiman slur the Filipino?

## BARE EYE

By Carlo R. Tapas

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# DA moves to ensure stable food prices

## Some subsectors agree to freeze price adjustments

By Amy R. Harris

FEEDING PRICES OF EGGS, MEAT, fish and chicken are likely to remain stable, as the Department of Agriculture has taken steps to ensure steady and adequate supply of basic commodities throughout the Christmas season.

According to Agriculture Assistant Secretary Salvador Salazar, the price of regular milk has already been going down to an average of P50 in the last week of November from a high of P70 a kilo in July. In a statement, Salazar cited that from a market survey done by the Bureau of Agricultural Statistics, Manila Market Opera-

tions Center (BAA-MOC) in several major public markets.

He noted that the government's aggressive procurement in the first half of the year and its incentive distribution of cheap, subsidized rice, had led to lower prices of the staples, even during the traditional lean months of July to September.

Salazar noted that the price of refined sugar has fallen to P156 a kilo from the P184 per kilo price level of the past three months. In December last year, prices of refined sugar reached as much as P475 a kilo, Salazar said.

The price of chicken has also remained stable at P120 a kilo

over the past three months, while that of chicken per kg, like ham and bacon, have fallen to P130 a kilo from a previous high of P170-P180 a kilo, he said.

Also, the price of pigginghogs remained constant at P120, while sheep prices fell to P80 a kilo. "The favorable price trend is partly a result of the DA's ongoing effort to stabilize supply among various agriculture subsectors for a better on price adjustments ahead of the holidays," Salazar explained.

He said as an example the United Breeder Raters Association, which had secured the National Price Coordinating Council of adequate supply of chick-

ens for the Christmas season.

He said, the breeder industry leaders headed by Congressmen Diego, are championing for lower retail prices of chicken of at least P110 a kilo to further boost consumer demand and build in a buffer against their stocks at the farm level," Salazar said.

Another example was the agreement between agriculture officials and stakeholders of the livestock sector, where major slaughter players agreed to adopt a so-called "suggested reference price."

With the goal, prices of all types of pork cuts are seen to develop at P140-P150 a kilo, from a high of P180 a kilo.

## ADB extends \$1-M grant for irrigation

THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT Bank is providing a \$1-million additional assistance to the Philippine government for the upgrading of irrigation facilities to the country.

In a statement, the ADB said that it aims to support the country's efforts to "improve food security and rural poverty amid a surge in global food prices."

The grant, which will come from the Asian Special Fund, will finance an investment project called the "Irrigation System Operation Efficiency Improvement Project."

The project is aimed at up-grading and retooling irrigation systems in selected agricultural areas, over the next three years.

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ADB said the firm and other beneficiaries of the grant would participate in the design, development and management of the project. The National Irrigation Administration will oversee the project implementation.

In 2008, under water in irrigation management, special aid at ADB's Southeast Asia Department, said the project was intended to help increase farm household income and rural food security. It is seen to cover some 40,000 hectares of irrigated land by 2010.

The government has been ramping up investments in infrastructure and irrigation projects, but had to scale the country's self-aided projects, as well, over the next three years.

Like irrigation systems, infrastructure have remained as productive as some 300,000 hectares of new land, which could have produced at least 20 million metric tons of rice per cropping season, Amy Harris

immediately prohibited from entering all along the SLEA facilities as it is longer like the power and authority to do so," said the court.

The 30-judge bench granted PNCC a 10-day stay order against the SLEA's operations. The court also ordered the SLEA to allow the PNCC to enter the SLEA facilities and should not be collecting tolls in the SLEA.

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Taiwan Minister for Economic Cooperation Wu Ying-feng (right) is welcomed by Taiwan Economic and Cultural Office representative David C. Lee (right) upon arrival at the New Asia International Airport. Minister Wu was the guest of honor of the Taiwan Trade Exhibition held at the World Trade Center on Nov. 8.

## RP gross int'l reserves up

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When loans the country's GDI are mostly remittances from Filipinos working abroad and inflows of foreign investments. Gross int'l income from its foreign exchange operations and investment inflows also help boost the GDI.

The 2008-2009 fiscal year's domestic and global markets is seen to result in the balance of payments, especially from emerging economies like the Philippines, which is expected to show a surplus in the next year.

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Filipinos abroad, the impact of the global crisis on remittances sent to the Philippines may be substantial, according to some economists.

That is because deployment of Filipino workers to the Middle East continues to grow, thus affecting the decline in labor demand in Western countries.

Remittances from overseas Filipinos were valued at \$1.5 billion by the central bank in 2008, down from \$1.7 billion in 2007.

Earlier, the IMF projected that the GDI would be 5.5 percent in 2009, down from 6.5 percent in 2008.

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## Globe posts 9% net income drop

GLOBAL TRACOM MANUFACTURING'S net income for the third quarter ended in November 2008 fell to P1.5 billion from P1.6 billion in the third quarter of 2007.

However, cumulative income for the first nine months dropped by 1 percent from P4.5 billion in 2007 to P4.4 billion in 2008.

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## BSP cuts banks' reserve requirement

subsidized infrastructure spending.

The Monetary Board approved the BSP's Monetary Board during its meeting on the other day.

These developments came after the Monetary Board's decision to cut the 11.5 percent reserve requirement for banks.

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affected in the drop in fuel prices in the world market. Also, growth in fuel prices had raised the cost of imports from oil-rich and integrated domestic.

Analysts said the BSP's move to cut the reserve requirement indicated it was not ready to raise the key policy rate, which currently stands at 5 percent for financing and 8 percent for lending.

Although inflation has been on the rise, the risks still prevail, according

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# Asian stocks plunge on recession fears

TOKYO—JITTERS OF A deep global recession, kindled by the Asian crisis, are now sweeping across the Asian financial markets, after the International Monetary Fund warned that advanced economies would contract next year.

The IMF called for governments to spend to buffer the financial crisis, but markets also took flight at an unprecedented level. Asian stocks fell as much as 1.5 percent, and a wave of gloominess gripped investors.

Tokyo's Nikkei stock index tumbled 4.35 percent by lunch after dropping as much as 7 percent at one point before finding a profit in evening trading.

Hang Kong's price-sensitive Hang Seng index, however, ended the day with a 1.2 percent gain, but economic forecasts were still gloomy.

"Market pessimism of health had moved in recent days, but economic forecasts were still gloomy," said a Tokyo-based analyst at Daiwa Securities.

"With nothing fundamentally changed on the economic side, it is on what concerns the global growth prospects that investors are worried," he said.

The IMF and the downturn in equity markets would be "badly compatible in a negative" to recovery in 1997 and 1998, but that recovery "is expected to begin late in 2005."

In sharp contrast, Asian economic forecasts predicted steady growth next year. The IMF and several Asian countries said next year's growth would be 6.5 percent.

In 2005, instead of the price index falling 1.5 percent, it rose 1.2 percent. It is a global economic growth forecast to 2.5 percent.

However, some also forecast for 2005's growth to be 1.5 percent. The IMF's report on US per-

# Emerging economies to remain global growth drivers, says IMF

By Michelle V. Rocco

THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND (IMF) said that emerging economies, including the Philippines, would grow faster than most other parts of the world in 2005 as a consequence of the recession in the US and European economies.

In its latest World Economic Outlook, the IMF said that Asian 30—the Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand—would post an average growth of 4.2 percent next year, 0.7 percentage point lower than other projections, due to the effect of the recession in the US and Europe.

However, it said that the Asian 30 and other emerging economies would still be the global growth drivers next year. The IMF expects the world economy to grow by 4.2 percent next year, down from 4.5 percent in 2004.

"Prospects for the global growth have deteriorated over the past month, as financial crises deepened," the IMF said.

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## Apec meet tackles economic crisis

MANILA—REPRESENTATIVES OF 21 Pacific Rim economies agreed their plans for Thursday to take steps to help the global economy.

The meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) leaders in Manila, Philippines, said that the world economy is in a state of crisis and that the world economy is in a state of crisis.

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the United States economy for about 25 percent of its output, while the European economy for 14 to 15 percent.

The IMF said emerging economies that relied on foreign financing were under pressure due to the increasing foreign debt.

On a positive note, the IMF expects the coming of inflation in the emerging markets, pushing them into a recession.

The predicted growth in emerging economies for next year is also in line with the IMF's previous predictions.

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# Bank of England slashes rate by 1.5 points

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## Joint venture a safer option for landowners

By Charles E. Buhar

WITH THE GLOBAL CREDIT crisis threatening to cast a dark cloud over the country's already improving real estate market, property developers here have learned, through previous experience, some ways that will

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# Anchor Land opens Sole Mare Parksuites showroom

PURCHASE LISTED ANCHOR LAND Holdings Inc. has successfully launched the showroom for its Sole Mare Parksuites, the US's first true move-in ready resort in the Annapolis Business Park, on a strategic boulevard, in what is fast emerging as the country's hub of self-sustained capital.

The showroom, located at 55 Bonhoeffer Avenue corner Maryland Boulevard, features an model suite that can be available at Sole Mare Park, Suite 100. Most importantly, the showroom gives the public a vivid picture of how easy it is to acquire the units at Sole Mare to suit individual tastes and lifestyle preferences.

"We really want out of our way to provide our customers a very practical and original architectural design. Whether you are getting a studio unit or a four-bedroom suite, we made sure that the facilities details have been carefully studied to maintain your individual, satisfying lifestyle choice," according to Beth Finn, Anchor Land's head of sales & marketing.

## Showroom features

Finn said the showroom presents several configurations of the studio unit, starting from Sole Mare's standard current studio unit, but looking at already a very nice, functional and nice place to go home to after a hard day's work.

The showroom also displays the new building model unit, designed for a hotel room but with complete living amenities. It is ideal and very comfortable for two friends who consider it to be without any other place to stay.

Third, at the showroom is where Anchor Land's manager (Finn) call the Anchor Land, which has a beautiful look-up that is perfect for just making one's home while enjoying the finest lifestyle by owner or by rent.

For the good reason, Sole Mare has the garden and which, as the owner says, provides space for one's favorite things to do. "We have a perfect place to relax," Finn said.

## More space

For those who want more space, Finn, customers can choose two-bedroom units. "We'd be surprised how many this can be done at Sole Mare to achieve the perfect two-bedroom unit configuration," she said.

Then there is the corner unit which, aside from having a really large balcony, boasts of four bedrooms. It's the ultimate Sole Mare package, although the number of such units is very limited, Finn said.

The Sole Mare Park Suites is Anchor Land's fifth project. The company has established a solid reputation for its development of commercial developments, and has recently been listed by the prestigious Forbes Asia Magazine in its annual 2009 Best Under a Billion, a reflection of the best company in the Asia-Pacific region who is under \$1 billion in sales.

Sole Mare is located near the Mall of Asia and is within the vicinity of Pagoda's new gaming and entertainment complex that will soon be in the vicinity of the area. So, strategic location makes Sole Mare an ideal place for those who prefer a quiet and serene landscape, with a perfect view of the famous Manila Bay coast, which is just near there. Finn's projects shopping and lifestyle destinations.

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# Owning the boutique hotel experience at Brittany's Marfori

INSPIRED BY THE BEST OF A CONTINENT, a project by the Italian-born family of Sun Francisco is a luxury condominium that truly defines Brittany Corp.'s vision of class, modern and exclusive indulgence. Once again at the forefront of innovation, the Marfori is the first property developer and a proud member of the company's luxury home portfolio, Vista Land & Suburban Co., to bring the spirit of a boutique hotel with the convenience of modern living to the Marfori Residences.

"Naturally, the Marfori Residences is your new home boutique hotel," said Brittany Chief Operations Officer Mary Lee Ireland. "So early on, we, with owners, can enjoy all the amenities of a fabulous boutique hotel such as a golf course, a modern leisure park, a full-lap pool, all within the comfort of your new home. This is luxury, exclusivity and convenience never before seen in any other vertical real estate project."

Located at the heart of Lakefront in Sun Francisco, it is accessible to the Asian, Indian and Chinese business hubs. Within its immediate vicinity are family restaurants, bars and fast food places. In more than 20 minutes away is the international airport.

## Designing opulence

At the helm of the Marfori Residences' design is architect Philip Gray Drells whose philosophy is captured in the message of function, and style. He explained that the success of his design team not only in whether it depends on the subtle combination of the project but in designing the best site on the creation of a lifestyle change which they serve later stated in the first place. Without doubt, the Marfori has no competitors.

"I call it the 'New Model' Project said, "I have always loved the glamour of classic lines. But I chose to achieve elegance without the burden of the past. By creating these clean lines, this with the minimalist modernism, and put a palette of black and white, there, in essence, define the Marfori style."

Working in the role of designing for a boutique property, Philip stated the principle of blending style and function with the creation of a unique space where glamour and comfort are of equal importance. The Marfori, he goes on to say, is designed to be a complete lack of both.

## Convenience with style

"The designer must not be afraid to use the best design I created," he stated when asked which specific aspects of the Marfori's interior best reflect the inspiration. "Just like a cinema, the design process seems to look to create a sense of the real."

"My biggest challenge... that because my inspiration is real—in how I would create the grand entrance, and I thought of using modern glass tiles. I really wanted to see in the lobby. I haven't seen any application of it in homes as all except for the materials and high end pools. The trouble is to draw people's eyes on the rich pattern and texture." Production.

These rich textures and textures provide a sense of style and a sense of the Marfori—creating space after space the complexity and the modern style in the most functional of spaces. Residents will be able to enjoy the spectacular panoramic views which includes the pool, the Vista View, the Social Hall, the Marfori Lounge and the Wellness Center.



MARFORI'S Social Hall provides a clear option for entertaining guests.



CELEBRATING Marfori's launch are Vista Land and Brittany's offices (clockwise) Red Rovers, Brittany COO Mary Lee Ireland, architect Hendrick Salinas, Marfori Design and Rovers Media.



BRITTANY Chief Operations Officer Mary Lee Ireland with Cynthia Villar at Marfori's Wellness Spa during the launch.



GRITS won't let you see the magnificent chamber at Marfori's lobby.

"The Marfori Residences is a novel approach to modern vertical development," Salinas explained. "Designed for style, convenience and privacy it is a reflection of Brittany's continued pursuit for creative solutions driven by the commitment to create beautiful homes in all times," Salinas added.

Brittany is a successful and creative developer of innovative and creative designs, in modern and vibrant projects including Vista View, Paradise, Georgia Club, Windsor at Graceland, El Monte at Laguna, Vista at The Bay, and Vista at Laguna. Located at Lakefront in Sun Francisco, it is accessible to the Asian, Indian and Chinese business hubs. Within its immediate vicinity are family restaurants, bars and fast food places. In more than 20 minutes away is the international airport.



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tioner. The result is buying a unit having energy-efficient technology.

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Equipment and appliances can be checked for low-energy standards. Solar panels have a 15-year payback period in longer and using them for other good uses will justify the cost.

**2** Quality of life in the neighborhood can be improved by planting trees and lawns as well as providing shade during the summer.

Checking your neighborhood drainage system, an avoid stagnant water that breeds mosquitoes will reduce the good health. Close surroundings mean less dependence on your personal and climate, with the getting rid of pests and insects.

**3** A water-saving collection system, low-bath, toilets, spray taps and water-conserving appliances help conserve precious freshwater and will reduce the water bill.

**4** The car reduces building and demolition debris through recycling, reuse and recycling. Reusable metal furniture is less of waste than disposable items.

**5** Improved public transport links will benefit greatly from the government's recent increase in infrastructure spending. This program will help jump-start the economy.

Probably the public transport system in the metropolis will be modernized some more to ease traffic congestion and lower the high level of air pollution. Low speed limit should be imposed in residential areas.

Modest bicycles and cycle routes will also bring down carbon emissions as commuters become more pollution-free.

**6** More sustainable architecture will reduce air pollution and personal income, but also promotes local sustainable architecture. Giving importance to the protection of the environment is very good.

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The 5,000-square-meter Bacolod facility encompasses the contact center administrative offices, contact center training rooms, an advanced language laboratory, a cafeteria and contact center employee lounge. It is certified to international standards with ergonomically designed furniture for contact center work, advanced threat prevention and specialized lighting.

Three more Concepts centers will move to Alabang Manila: UP Future Park, products 5 and Sun Lanes, while an additional two sites will be in Navas, Sta. Rosa, Laguna, and Cebu in Cebu City over the next several months.



# LIFE STYLE

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## How I'm trying to beat the school burnout

Now that I know what I'm up against, I can look for ways to climb out of this hole. Find out why more and more students fall victim to this syndrome

 By Angela K. Ignacio  
 2U's Correspondent

Not too long ago, I was taking an exam when I suddenly found myself staring blankly at the wall. I could hear friends, friends writhing around me, but I remained motionless, just poised in the air.

When the proctor stopped, "five minutes," I was the only one who didn't scream, groan or yell loudly dispirited expletives. I tried to focus on my room, but all I could think of was, *How did I get here?*

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# How I'm trying to beat the school burnout

By Virginia Pitt

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## School vs. burnout

Contrary to popular belief, burnout isn't the same as stress, although the latter is a major cause of the former.

Burnout isn't people tend to be chronic, hyperactive and highly irritable, but still get the job done.

On the other hand, stress is a temporary feeling that's empty, hollow and emotionally drained. They usually think, "I'll just do a focused job saying on what's the point?" and then they work through it, not caring about the consequences of their decisions.

The main difference between stress and burnout is the fact that burnout is a reduced personal responsibility and more stress. While stress runs people into the

red balloons ready to burst at the slightest prick, burnout runs them into power, all divided up into a dozen of motivation.

## Four stages

In his popular website, Mark "The Stress Doctor" Ockler lists four stages of burnout: 1. Physical, mental and emotional exhaustion.

After such a build-up, however, you'll think that a few weeks of R&H would be enough to recharge your body before the next year. But how come you still feel as drained and more exhausted than ever? The last time you went into your job, you were exhausted by your workload that you lose your self-confidence and start making more mistakes. This put to more and more effort, but with less and less creative results. That's why you feel completely exhausted, tired and sad, even though there's nothing stressing you out in the moment.

2. Mental and doubt.

Once you start losing faith in your own abilities, it's all downhill from there. Never mind that you were the class valedictorian, or the valedictorian of your high school years. You're now feeling doubtful about the future, and you're feeling pretty low to the present, so it comes as no surprise that you start thinking that your past accomplishments don't matter.

3. Coping and self-defense. What do you do and think to do when they feel threatened or vulnerable? They take behind their last shell, you're his burned-out people do. Because you're busy doubting yourself and other people, you put up some heavy defenses to protect yourself. You become cynical, bitter and withdrawn, thinking that as long as you're putting everyone away, no one will notice what a failure you really are. This is where your relationships crumble and your social life goes completely haywire.

4. Failure, helplessness and crisis.



The sky saying "Blasted" if you do, instead if you don't realize it's more important. You know you can't quit school, but if you can't, you'll have to work, like we say you have. You know that. The bottom line is that there's nothing I can do about it. As you ask me to improve, your grades and avoid life go down the drain at will. Before you know it, you're burned out and you're not even close to the top.

## Climbing back up

One doesn't necessarily go through all four stages, but more often than not, they all eventually lead to burnout. It takes a while to recognize burnout, and sometimes, an even longer time to recover from it. It took me a few months, maybe even years, to realize just exactly what I'm feeling, and I'm down right surprised by how unproductive and unproductive I feel because, that very day I know what I'm up against. I can now look for ways to climb out of this hole that I've unfortunately dug myself in. After all, when you're reached the very bottom, there's nowhere else to go but up.

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## Burnout-busting tips

Burnout isn't something that happens overnight. Because stress plays a big part in its development, you might want to watch out for the things that exhaust your mind, body and soul to too much pressure. The earlier you recognize the signs and symptoms, and take action, the better chance you have in preventing yourself from going into that downward spiral.

Effective burnout-busting strategies include taking one day at a time, emotionally and physically, asking for help when you need it, and staying connected to other people.

**Stop, look, listen.** Write your to-do list every morning and make it realistic. You don't always need to burnout when it happens. Reassess your schedule, eliminate from others and other symptoms of the need can take months to surface. If you're tired to you don't accomplish your changes in your schedule, it's better to take a break and rest, you might want to take a break.

**Recharge the fire.** Recharge presents you with a new challenge from the things of people that would normally inspire you. It's a good idea to try something new to avoid you of the stress. You're still doing what you're doing. On your schedule, check a picture of the new laptop model you just purchased over the Christmas of your high school. Or, place a longer language book beside you on the way to work to give you a challenge. Repeat the words "I can do this" over and over and you'll see the difference. You have to—bring your stress into something positive and use it to motivate you to burnout isn't all.

**Take a break.** If you feel yourself slipping and you're not doing well, take a break, and if you feel something to answer yourself. Have a snack, watch TV or enjoy your little brother while he's playing World of Warcraft. You may not be the best option for some people, especially when you're in a tight deadline, but it can help clear your mind so you can better focus on the task at hand. Just don't drink too much, or else it'll come off as a good idea.

**Change scene.** If, after months or even years of fighting the good fight and still you're not on the way to the top, maybe it's just not your battle to win. You know it's time to give up on your dreams when every morning you're waking up to a nightmare. If you don't like the person you're becoming, choose another career path that you feel will make you happier and more relaxed.

**Stay connected.** Burnout tends to make people's lives out of people. The best way to overcome this emotional void is to surround yourself with the people you love and who love you back, instead of pushing them away. Building your relationship with your family and friends can alleviate the feelings of under-appreciation and boost your self-confidence. Make new friends, go out on dates, meet new people—make sure your social network stays up and running.

**Seek help.** If you think you can't deal with this anymore, it's time to ask for advice. Talking to your guidance counselor, parent or therapist should work wonders, but don't ever forget to talk to your family and friends about the feelings of under-appreciation and boost your self-confidence. Make new friends, go out on dates, meet new people—make sure your social network stays up and running.

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By Oliver H. Palamian

**G**AY CHARACTERS HAVE APPEARED in homegrown graphic novels and comic book series, which tackle the sometimes-controversial subject in varying degrees.

In some fringe monthly comics, gay people have also made significant appearances. Sometimes, they're routinely portrayed. Sometimes not. But they're there, steadily increasing in number.

They're not necessarily characters that gay audiences identify with, but the fact that they're given visibility at all is enough for some. LG, Marvel and other companies have indicated a tendency to be on top. Here's a small fraction:

**Archie and Mosquito**—Super-geek and members of the Silver Age's Authority, this dynamic duo wonderfully gives diversity and gay artists a hand.

**Tyrael Puh**—The protagonist of the pulp and sci-fi series "Black Rubber Baby" experiences sexual awakening, while encountering important cultural upheavals and conflict along the way.

**Queer and Deadly**—The show-chasing and the prophetic have been the 5 Star's ally and foe. They called the young woman's name: Super vigilante.



**Flam**—While his elegant father was usually the Flak's former friend and was not his assistant (and often even his sexual partner).

**The Question and Katherine**—It's up to the Moon and Katherine. Katherine is a complex relationship. They are most often in a room. City's people of mixed professions.

**Religion and Women**—Two children of superheroes, these "Young Avengers" relationship enjoys the support of friends, and even the superhero's own parents.

**Save the Day Crusader**—In the superhero comic book for adults based on characters from the TV series, "Queer As Folk," the gay vigilante Sage creates a later scene with a violent attack and even kills in an over-the-top manner.

**Robbie**—One of the most heart-wrenching parts of "4 for Wishes" is the story of Valerie, an unemployed lesbian actress who was imprisoned, isolated and isolated because of a controversial script.

**Collette**—In the alternate ending of "The X-Men," Collette is arrested to make a point to follow a woman's dream.

**Common**—The second Collette, Holly Roberts, was a former prostitute and friend of the original one, Holly. Holly Roberts was forced to leave her lover because of a complicated relationship.

**Francine and Katherine**—One of the recently concluded "Strangers in Paradise," these old friends share an explicit relationship. Katherine was a gay girl with an explicit feeling. Francine had been a lesbian lover, etc. Their juicy, messy drama was a shared journey that is interesting and affecting in its own way.

**Robbie and Flak**—The world has introduced "Robbie" and the "Robbie" that was once considered in the industry as a woman's X-Men. They became an item, and sometimes, eventually broke up, and were often in a relationship.

**Francine and Flak**—One of the most interesting parts of "Robbie" is the story of Francine, a single girl who has some secret desires, eventually broke up, and were often in a relationship.

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## Daniel Craig exercises license to thrill in latest Bond flick

By Rico P. Añito

### "Quantum of Solace"

By Marc Forster  
Starring: Daniel Craig, Olga Kurylenko, Mathieu Amalric and Judi Dench

**I**N THE 22ND INSTALLMENT (and first direct sequel) of the James Bond movie series, the British super-spy (Daniel Craig) assumes a broken heart as he chases one lead after another—from Italy and Austria to London, Haiti and Bolivia—to avenge the death of his macho-lady love, Vesper Lynd, in 2006's cracking franchise re-release, "Casino Royale."

Marc Forster tells *Q* (Judi Dench) that there's nothing personal about his current mission—he's merely stepping up some unfinished business. But, 007's superior is concerned that her top agent is in it only to seek revenge for his incomprehensible rage. But, about which has everyone ever heard anything but personal?

Then, a double agent's blood-stained tracks lead Bond to Casino Royale (the amazing Olga Kurylenko), a Russian Russian agent who's turned out to be a mission to avenge the cold and ruthless slaughter of her family in the hands of corrupt General Medvedev, who stands to benefit from a coup if that in Bolivia being coded up by Quantum, a clandestine global business conglomerate headed by Dominic Greene (the slicker-looking Mathieu Amalric).

### Sexy and sexy

A cool and collected Bond always deals with danger, but a grieving one settles with deadly love, too, with the help of his lady, namely M, here Mabel (Kerry Condon), the CIA's Rylee (Lena Dunham) and fellow MI6 agent, Strawberry Fields (Emma Watson), who pays enduring homage to the floral girls of the '60s and '70s with her sexy and sexy performance. But with his sexy and sexy performance, he's got his work cut out for him, because, as "wild beauty" London looks on, he's got the good of coming between a woman's more meaningful than the good and great of political conspiracies.

If you're familiar with Forster's impressive cinematic career ("Finding Neverland," "The 400 Blows," "Stranger Than Paradise" and "Moulin Rouge"), you know that the talented director doesn't compromise substance with spectacle. The filmmaker says that he was drawn to the more understated and that Martin Scorsese's "Casino Royale" has chosen for his first film's well-loved and loved character.

This, as well as the production's action pace, allows Forster to do away with confusing parallel stories. He cuts to the chase by spending up the movie's visuals in action sequences (it's 26 minutes shorter than the 144-minute long "Casino Royale").

### First time

He also appropriately gives over the previous Bond films' playful comedy to his first and writing credits. After all, you can't have a winning action hero, but only creating on the beach of Montecarlo with the usual line of death threats, seduction and romance, can you? (Craig, incidentally, is the first time since 1963's "You Only Live Twice" Bond doesn't become involved with the co-protagonist, "Bond, James Bond.")

The film isn't better than its predecessors, but it's nonetheless a little and well-crafted action that gives Craig (or his cinematic alter ego) a chance to exercise his license to thrill—and he makes it look as easy as his guileless and very playful modeling of the drink up, the "shaken" versus the more agent's image is, to quote M in 1993's "Goldfinger," "a nice, relaxing drink, and a relic of the Cold War."

More likable than that Bond, Craig's performance lends himself to the genre and the genre to 007's very personal mission. He doesn't say much, but his cold and stoic face will leave viewers shivering and shivering.

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# Have a Sparkling Christmas Fairytale Holiday with Your Family at Hong Kong Disneyland Resort!

Once a year, in a magical kingdom not so far away, fantasy comes alive against an enchanted background full of royal splendor. The upcoming Yuletide season is welcomed with a bang as new attractions and shows add to the Park's enchanting atmosphere. Starting November 26, 2008 until January 2, 2009, be enthralled by the majesty of the Royal Christmas Ball, delight when you visit Mickey as he opens his House for Christmas, be dazzled by the spectacular Sparkling Castle Lights, sip hot chocolate as you revel in a white Christmas in Main Street U.S.A., and much, much more! It is indeed the most wonderful time of the year only here at Hong Kong Disneyland!

## Fairytale Dreams at the Royal Christmas Ball

Relive a classic fairytale as Princess Aurora invites her friends to the Royal Christmas Ball to celebrate the festivities of the season. This all-new, glamorous stage show at Sleeping Beauty Castle welcomes you as its royal guest. Behold a Disney royal pageantry of your favorite Characters will be seated as courtiers dancing during beautiful costume perform in magical gardens. Each evening, the majestic ball ends with a dazzling as Sleeping Beauty's castle magically transforms Sleeping Beauty Castle to sparkle magnificently like thousands of shimmering diamonds.



## Make a Visit to Mickey's Christmas House

Mickey Mouse has spent weeks adorning his home with festive decorations as he prepares to open the door for you during the holidays. Have fun exploring his charming home, meeting Mickey Mouse himself and taking a photo with him.



## Enjoy a Winter Wonderland on Main Street U.S.A.

Stroll down Main Street U.S.A. and immerse yourself in a picturesque Christmas. From the frozen gardens, wicker and gently-falling snowflakes around you to the beautifully decorated Christmas Tree in Town Square. Meet Santa, drink a hot cup of cocoa or listen to carolers sing for a truly magical Christmas experience.



## Dance Along at the "Let It Snow" Christmas Parade

Back by popular demand, this high-energy parade brings Yuletide cheer like no other. Join in the excitement as hundreds of dancers perform in a glittering procession. Get ready for unexpected weather as we have wind that snow is simulated throughout the show!

## Eat, Drink and Be Merry!

Christmas would not be complete without a festive food feast or two. Whether it's a traditional Yuletide banquet or fun food meetings, dining at Hong Kong Disneyland Resort will surely be a treat that will fill every holiday appetite.

## Hotel Holiday Magic

Continue the Yuletide fun when you and your family return to your hotel. The Christmas spirit is all around. Even the decorated lobbies and splendid Christmas trees to live bands playing traditional songs. Have your cameras ready for memorable moments of the holidays. And your children are sure to love activities like making Christmas cards and a party with a snowfall!



## Christmas Will Look Even More Beautiful

Transform your vision of Christmas with the special "Holigreen Viewers." Put the viewers on to see a special Christmas image when you view the Sparkling Castle Lights, lighting decor throughout the Park and even the fireworks display. We can't wait to see this image! Come on over and find out for yourself!

So if it is a unique, never-before-seen kind of Christmas experience you want, then come in through the gates of the wonderful world of Hong Kong Disneyland Resort. BOOK NOW and enjoy the school holidays with your family right here. Contact your local travel agent or log on to [www.hongkongdisneyland.com](http://www.hongkongdisneyland.com) © Disney



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## Bruce Willis makes directing debut

LOS ANGELES—BRUCE WILLIS is set to make his directorial debut with a psychological chase down a woman grappling with family insanity. Wisely repeated recently.

### Grip-on-rail

Willis, 53, whose last film was 2007's "Sea Fever or Die Hard," will also appear in the film as the father of the lead character. The film centers on a woman's battle to maintain her grip on reality at three points in her life.



WILLIS: **MADAGASCAR** in "Three Minutes About You"

**Laffapalooza**

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